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Dear John,

You depended on the most undependable sources and perhaps to a degree on misty memory. In any event, your peice is overloaded with factual errors I did not want to mention and embarrass you.

I do not know whether you'll be writing more on either the assassination of this monstrous movie. But if you do, I invite you to check what is represented as fact to you. The field crawls with those who belong under stone and those who ~~do not~~ just do not know what they talk about. What they do not take from others they just make up. If you have the occasion, my phone is 301/473-8186. But I do have to retire early. Among other less serious operations I've had a left fenoral arterial bypass, followed by two life threatening complication, plus open-heart surgery, with three bypasses.

I hope that in my haste and a little pain I have not been less comprehensible than I should have been.

One of the reasons I urge you to check anything you may yet write on this is because when the movie comes out there will be more controversy and a publication that remembers this article may ask you to write another. Perhaps there will be articles critical of the movie over there and your piece will be remembered. Because it is such a disgusting thing, with Garrison having the gall and the bad taste to rewrite his own history and lie about it, too, I want the people to know the truth. But I do not want you to be hurt in any way.

What we believed we had reason to credit in 1968 is in fact trash and wrong, and It was not pleasant for me to get the proof and I cannot really explain to myself how or why it took me so long to tumble to what Garrison really was. and did.

Please remember that because the Warren Commison was wrong, knowingly as I now can can prove with official documents, does not mean that all the allegations of its being wrong are ipso facto right. Most in these theories are not. That there was a conspiracy is beyond question. But this does not mean that all the many "Identifications" of the conspirators are right. They are not. according to Rusconi, Stone believs and his original script says that those who did the covering up did the killing. Not so, and I have records on that, too.

I hope you are well and happy. Best wishes, Hal

My apologies for the ribbon, to. My wife reminded me that she'd gotten me a new one, which I'd forgotten. Stone has hired Bobby Kennedy's former aide, Frank Mankiewicz, for "damage control." Several magazines have articles in the works, some due very soon. So this is not about to end soon. I don't care what appears in England but I do not want you to undermine your reputation and credibility.

(From Hill & Knowlton.)

(Sent with letter to The New Statesman, where a copy is filed)